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Republicans in Charge Is An-
swer of Democratic Leader.Rhode Island Senator Urges Crea-
tion of Business Men's Methods
Commission—Charges There Is Du-
plication of Work in Departments.
Eight or Ten Map-making Con-
cerns at Work—Minority's Chance.

"If as a business man I should undertake to run this government," said Senator Aldrich, speaking from the floor of the Senate yesterday, "I am satisfied that I could effect a saving of \$300,000,000 a year."

The Rhode Island Senator was speaking in behalf of a bill providing for the creation of a government business methods commission, to consist of nine members, three to be appointed by the Vice President from the Senate, three by the Speaker from the membership of the House, and three to be selected by the President from the country at large.

Senator Aldrich announced that the President is cordially in favor of the measure, which is designed to introduce economical business methods in the running of the government departments. Senator Aldrich declared that, in his opinion, the passage of the bill would result in a saving of 10 per cent of the expenditures of the government.

PURPOSE MAY BE MISUNDERSTOOD.
The creation of the commission was opposed in a vigorous speech by Senator Dooliver, of Iowa. He said he did not believe in so many investigations, and cited the fact that there are nearly a score of committees and commissions at the present time dealing with government problems.

"I fear," said the Senator from Iowa, "that we are filling the public mind with suspicion and doubts of the integrity of officials of the government to conduct public affairs. Is not the creation of so many of these investigating committees an attack on the integrity of our own party? I take a great pride in the fact that this government has been conducted so honestly during the past generation."

"So little has been lost in the handling of the public funds in this nation that the success of our public officials, in this respect, instead of being made a subject of gossip and suspicion, should be a matter of pride to the American people."

Disparagement of Administration.
"This proposition is a blanket disparagement of the business methods of the government. It will require two years to make this investigation, and it is estimated that it will necessitate an expenditure of \$500,000 at the lowest estimate. This commission will travel the whole world to find out the business methods of other nations."

Senator Dooliver said he did not like the suggestion of sending for auditors and experts from business institutions to instruct government officials how to do their work. He said he did not like to admit that there is not sense enough or character enough in the departments to correct any faults in the system of government. Such action, he said, would undermine public confidence in the ability

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PERKINS NEAR DEATH.

Physicians Lose Hope for Repre-
sentative's Recovery.

There are small chances for the recovery of Representative James Breck Perkins, of New York, who is lying at the point of death at the Garfield Hospital, suffering with intestinal trouble.

Members of his family admit his condition is critical, and practically no hope is entertained for his recovery. Many misleading reports have been given out in regard to Mr. Perkins' condition, and until last night it was thought he was on the road to recovery.

"Mr. Perkins' condition is grave," said Dr. H. B. Deale, the family physician, last night, "and we cannot say how long he will last. The end may be within the next few days." Dr. Deale added that Mr. Perkins was conscious and realized his condition.

When asked last night whether an operation would be performed, Dr. Deale replied that so far it had been decided to defer it.

Fall to Place Blame.

Calro, Ill., Feb. 21.—The coroner's jury brought in a verdict at 8:30 o'clock to-night, finding that one of Sheriff Nellis' deputies, who fired upon the mob last Thursday night, killed Alexander Halliday. Had it fastened the blame for firing the shot on any particular deputy the situation would have been greatly complicated.

PRATT ARRESTED;
MILITIA PROBABLESituation in Philadelphia Car Strike Growing
More Serious Hourly.

DEVELOPMENTS IN THE CAR STRIKE.

The features of the street carmen's strike now in full swing were:

C. O. Pratt, leader of the striking carmen, arrested and locked up in city hall. The police refuse to give out the charge, and all offers of bail prove fruitless.

The entire force of the State battalion will patrol the streets to-morrow, armed with muskets, to preserve order.

State militiamen of the Third Brigade may be called upon to come to the aid of the police in suppressing riots.

In the riots to-day 179 cars were damaged. The number of window panes smashed was 1,159.

At the meeting of the union carmen 4,200 men were present.

Arrests continue to be made by the score, and many persons were injured in street fights.

To-morrow being a holiday, it is feared that there will be repetition of the general violence of Sunday, as no order has been issued for the closing of the saloons.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Clarence O. Pratt, the captain general of the army of car men who are striking against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company, was arrested to-night, charged with conspiracy and inciting riot.

Pratt was delighted, and when the cell door slammed upon him, he skipped up and down the stone floor whistling and laughing.

The director of public safety, Henry Clay, called four plain-clothes men into his office this evening and told them to get the strike leader wherever he could be found. Clay had an idea Pratt would show fight, and that there would be a fine time that would further discredit the strikers.

The quartet of sleuths heard that Pratt was taking dinner. They bounced into a restaurant suddenly and located Pratt

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MISSOURI AUTHOR
DIED OF POISONProf. Vaughn Took Capsule
Containing Strychnine.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Mo., Feb. 21.—Poison was found in the viscera of Prof. J. T. Vaughn, educator and author, in an analysis made by Dr. Paul Schweitzer, of the University of Missouri.

Although copies of the chemist's report, which were received to-day by Coroner Wilson, of Monroe County, and Prosecuting Attorney Reigler, of Adair County, have not been made public, it is known that strychnine was found in the liver, stomach, and contents of the stomach of the professor.

The kidneys were not examined. The total amount found is said to be nearly one grain. One-fifth of a grain is the average medicinal dose.

The grand jury of Adair County, according to a long-distance telephone message to-night, will be immediately called, and indictments are expected to follow in the case.

Prosecuting Attorney Reigler made the request by telephone to-night from Kirksville that the actual report, of which he has a duplicate, be not made public in detail until to-morrow afternoon.

The reason for Mr. Reigler's request is not known, but it is believed information on which arrests will follow will be issued immediately at Kirksville. Prof. Vaughn took what was supposed to be a dose of quinine the night he died, and in the absence of a capsule, wrapped the medicine in a piece of tissue paper.

When asked about the analysis to-night, Prosecuting Attorney Reigler said: "We have no objection to making the report public, only it is not expedient to-night."

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland—Unsettled and colder to-day; to-morrow; probably rain; moderate north and northeast winds.

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SCHOOLS TO CLOSE
FOR CELEBRATIONGeorge Washington's Mem-
ory Made Fresh Again.

EXERCISES PATRIOTIC

Speechmaking and Recitations
Features of Day.

George Washington University Will Hold Convocation at Belasco, W. C. T. U. Meeting at Capitol, Y. M. C. A. to Hold Reception, and Carroll Institute Hall Will Be Scene of a Meeting of Oldest Inhabitants.

If George Washington had lived to the age of 178 years, he could come to Washington from Mount Vernon in his six-cylinder car to-day and hear some nice speeches about himself, as this is the anniversary of his birth.

At public schools yesterday hundreds of children reveled in colonial lore and listened eagerly to the oft-told stories of Revolutionary days and the good deeds of the man who never told a lie. Lifting

NEW BOARD LEARNS
OF DISTRICT NEEDSMore Than Thirty Associations Represented
at First Public Hearing.

Their first formal reception to the citizens was given by the District Commissioners last night, when all of the leading associations sent officers as delegates to be heard on issues of moment in their respective sections.

E. W. Oyster, of the Petworth Citizens' Association, took advantage of the opportunity to show why he thinks methods of assessment are inequitable in Washington.

"In some instances," he said, "home owners are compelled to pay taxes upon a 75 per cent valuation, while the ground speculator escapes with a valuation of 10 per cent, or less."

He cited the purchase of a tract near the Government Hospital for the Insane for \$75,000, while the entire tract of thirty times the area of that purchased was assessed for but \$85,000. Another instance, he said, was to be found in the purchase for \$25,000 by the District for hospital purposes of land that was assessed for \$1,400.

ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED.

Thirty-odd associations were represented at the meeting, which crowded the board room to the doors. All favored improvement of the Anacostia River, removal of the penal institutions, the smallpox hospital, and the leper camp from Reservation 12; the banishing of the garbage plant from the southern section of the city;

Increased fire and police protection; improvement of streets and extension of sewer and water systems.

The assemblage was a unit for extension of the park system, and for liberal appropriations for playgrounds.

Speakers opposed the distinction between urban or suburban districts. Boundary street, now Florida avenue, is but a memory, and might have been a dividing line between the city and country, interfering with development, they contended.

Recommendation was made that the name of John Marshall place, Four-and-a-half street, be changed to Fourth street.

In calling the meeting to order President Rudolph, of the board, stated that in view of the large attendance it would be necessary to limit each speaker to five minutes. Supporting President Rudolph at the board table were Commissioners Johnston and Judson, with Dr. William Tindall acting as secretary.

Anacostia Flats His Subject.

W. H. Richardson, on behalf of the Benning Citizens' Association, led off with a demand for the reclamation of the Anacostia flats, and then, taking as an example the recent destruction by fire of three dwelling houses in that section, said that increased water facilities were imperative.

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CONNERS WILLING
TO ADMIT DEF.Chairman Will Be a Lively
Corpse, He Declares.

New York, Feb. 21.—Chairman William J. Conners, of the Democratic State committee, did not have any luck to-day with the eight committeemen from Kings County. Early in the day he telegraphed them, asking them to call at the Waldorf-Astoria, but none of them turned up. Chairman Conners and his eleven up-State committeemen scouted nearly all day. They visited different parts of the city and had talks with many Democrats, and after the Kings County people refused to turn up at the Waldorf, Mr. Conners and his friends were ready to insist that Mr. Murphy and his New York City friends, including Joseph Cassidy, of Queens, and the State committeemen from Kings County, had framed up a programme for the nomination for governor next fall of Supreme Court Justice Martin J. Keogh, of Westchester.

The most important of Mr. Conners' talks to-day was with former Lieut. Gov. Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, now Democratic assemblyman for the Second district of Dutchess, whose brother, Robert W. Chanler, is State committeeman for the Twenty-sixth district, and who signed the call for Thursday's meeting. Lewis Stuyvesant Chanler, after his talk with Mr. Conners, has the task before him of inducing his brother Robert to leave the Murphy people and side with the Conners people at Albany.

Chairman Conners is now perfectly aware that Mr. Murphy is to defeat him on Thursday, but he said to-night that he was to keep up the fight to the last ditch, that he would still be a State committeeman, and that he would turn up at the State convention next fall a pretty live corpse.

GRAVE WAS TOO SHALLOW.

Body Left in Cemetery for Hours
Until Consultation Is Held.

Fairmont, W. Va., Feb. 21.—There was somewhat of a stir among Italians here yesterday when the body of Vito Peorne was carried into Holy Cross Cemetery to be interred. The friends of the dead man refused to lay him in the grave that had been prepared for him, because they thought that it was too shallow. The grave was on sloping ground, and it is said, that it was only two feet deep on the high side.

A consultation was held by the friends of the dead man, and it was decided that a new grave should be dug. They proceeded to dig another grave, and when they had gotten down about eighteen inches they found the coffin of two Italians that had been buried before.

The funeral cortege had been in the cemetery three hours when they agreed to lay Peorne in the grave made for him until Monday, when they would find a better resting place for him. A number of wealthy Italians say that they will buy a burying ground of their own to bury the dead of their countrymen.

Taft Joins Republican Club.

New York, Feb. 21.—President Taft was elected a member of the Republican Club to-night. He was proposed by Robert C. Morris, the chairman of the club, and seconded by Otto T. Bannard. It was stated that the President himself asked to be made a member.

Carnations, 50c doz. Violets, 50c bunch, at Blackstone's, 14th and H.

Extra Matinee, De Wolf Hopper.

To-day, 2:15, Columbia Theater. 50c to \$2.50.

NATION SURPRISED
BY KING'S SPEECHBalfour Stamps It Empty
and Ambiguous.

ALLOOF FROM THE ISSUES

"In the Opinion of My Advisers"
Produces Amusement.

Unionist Leader, at Opening of Parliament, Declares Nothing Has Been Outlined to Help the Country, Except Some Alterations of Relationship Between Upper and Lower Houses—Commons to Rule Finance.

London, Feb. 21.—For the first time in the modern political history of Great Britain, the sovereign has refused to identify himself with the policy of his ministers. This is the striking feature of the King's speech, delivered at the opening of Parliament to-day. The attitude of his majesty amused his hearers in both houses and astonished the whole country.

In announcing the programme of the government in dealing with the deadlock between the lords and the commons, King Edward insisted upon inserting the words "in the opinion of my advisers." This act of independence on the part of the monarch means much and will have far-reaching effect on the general political situation.

Edward has told the cabinet, and the country as well, that he is a constitutional monarch, and that if the ministers propose to make a fundamental change in the constitution itself he will not commit the crown to such alteration on the dictation of one branch of the legislature.

Position Clearly Nonpartisan.

It seems a natural inference also that he will not be a party to carrying into effect this revolutionary proposal by means of a coup d'etat. It follows, too, that reform in the House of Lords cannot be carried into effect except by a non-partisan compromise measure or what amounts to the same thing. This would be by originating with the House of Lords themselves a plan, and it is believed that this will be done as the Unionists and Radicals both realize now that a thorough revision of the upper house is demanded by the country and must come to pass in the near future.

The usual humble address in reply to a speech from the throne had been moved and seconded. Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, the Unionist leader, arose and said that whatever might be said of the "gracious speech from the throne," there was very little in it. The only legislation foreshadowed, he declared, was some alteration in the relations of the House of Lords and House of Commons, and possibly some alteration in the constitution of the House of Lords. The terms of the speech, he said, were highly ambiguous.

Mr. Balfour went on to say: "When the budget receives the cold and chilly, but numerically adequate, support of this House, it doubtless will become a law. I believe that the majority of the constituencies of Great Britain are prepared to support the budget, but it cannot be pretended that Ireland favors it. Ireland abstains from opposing the budget because it thinks that the interests of home rule override those of finance. If the budget were isolated from all other questions it would be rejected."

Vote on Sessional Orders.

The first work of the House is to vote certain sessional orders. One of these on the paper to-day characterized the participation of the Lords in the election of members of the House of Commons as an infringement of the rights of the House of Commons. This was this afternoon amended so as to confine the disability to the lords lieutenant, of whom there are comparatively few. Premier Asquith declared that he had come to the conclusion that it was not worth while keeping the order on the paper.

In the House of Lords the address in regard to the speech from the throne had been moved and seconded. Lord Lansdowne, the Unionist leader in the upper chamber, in the course of a speech, said there was no change of opinion among the members of his party in regard to the budget of 1909. If, however, it were returned to the second chamber their lordships would have little to say, and would probably experience its passage. But he could not promise a similar accommodation in regard to the home rule bill. This formed a part of the government's policy, and the veto of the Lords was to be abolished in order to make room for home rule. The crime of the House of Lords, he said, was that it had an opinion of its own. He repudiated the charge that the House of Lords had obstructed measures of the House of Commons.

The House of Lords, said Lord Lansdowne, was to be deprived of all dealings with finance. "Are we habitual

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PREDICT "10-CENT HOGS."

Packers Expect Highest Prices in
History of Present Market.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—"Ten-cent hogs," that is, \$10 a hundred pounds, were predicted in the stock yards for to-morrow, following the price of \$9.50 to-day, the highest ever paid in the history of the present market.

The market was timid at the opening. Armour tried hard to hold down the prices, but the Eastern orders and the speculators sent the prices on a flight that stopped only at the close of the market at the record figure.

"You can look for pyrotechnics to-morrow," said a stock yards authority after the close of the market.

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